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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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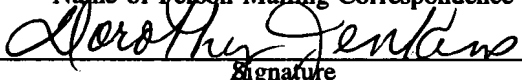
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

5 --31. A method for the production of a paper web from  
a fiber suspension in a twin wire former comprising:  
causing first and second web forming wire belts to  
travel along a path together to form a twin wire zone of the twin  
wire former, with the web between the wire belts as the wire  
belts travel along the path through the twin wire zone, each wire  
belt forming an endless loop;  
10 feeding the wire belts across a single forming roll at  
the start of the path through the twin wire zone;  
supporting the wire belts such as to form a wedge  
shaped entrance slot into the twin wire zone;  
supplying a fiber suspension from a headbox directly to  
the wedge shaped entrance slot of the twin wire zone;